

MAJORITY LEADER

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, as chair of the Democratic Caucus, I am directed to report to the House that the Democratic Members have selected as majority leader the gentleman from Maryland, the Honorable STENY HOYER.

MINORITY LEADER

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, as chair of the Republican Conference, I have been directed to report to the House that the Republican Members have selected as minority leader the gentleman from California, the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY.

MAJORITY WHIP AND ASSISTANT SPEAKER

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, as chair of the House Democratic Caucus, I have been directed to report to the House that the Democratic Members have selected as majority whip the distinguished gentleman from the great State of South Carolina, the Honorable JAMES E. CLYBURN; and as Assistant Speaker, the distinguished gentleman from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Honorable KATHERINE CLARK.

MINORITY WHIP

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, as chair of the Republican Conference, I have been directed to report to the House that the Republican Members have selected as minority whip the gentleman from Louisiana, the Honorable STEVE SCALISE.

ELECTING OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 2

Resolved, That Cheryl L. Johnson of the State of Louisiana be, and is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Resolved, That Paul D. Irving of the State of Florida be, and is hereby, chosen Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives.

Resolved, That Catherine Szpincior of the Commonwealth of Virginia be, and is hereby, chosen Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

Resolved, That Reverend Doctor Margaret Grun Kibben of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be, and is hereby, chosen Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentlewoman from Wyoming (Ms. CHENEY) for the purpose of offering an amendment.

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I have an amendment to the resolution, but before offering the amendment, I request that there be a division of the question on the resolution so that we may have a separate vote on the Chaplain.

The SPEAKER. The question will be divided.

The question is on agreeing to that portion of the resolution providing for the election of the Chaplain.

That portion of the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MS. CHENEY

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I offer an amendment to the resolution offered by the gentleman from New York.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

That Dan Meyer of the State of Minnesota be, and is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives;

That John Leganski of the State of Illinois be, and is hereby, chosen Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives; and

That Brett Horton of the State of Louisiana be, and is hereby, chosen Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Wyoming.

The amendment was rejected.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the remainder of the resolution offered by the gentleman from New York.

The remainder of the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER. The Chair will now swear in the officers of the House: Cheryl L. Johnson, Paul D. Irving, Catherine Szpincior, and Reverend Dr. Margaret Grun Kibben.

The officers presented themselves in the well of the House and took the oath of office as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now officers of the 117th Congress.

TO INFORM THE SENATE THAT A QUORUM OF THE HOUSE HAS ASSEMBLED AND OF THE ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER AND THE CLERK

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution as follows:

H. RES. 3

Resolved, That the Senate be informed that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled; that Nancy Pelosi, a Representative from the State of California, has been elected Speaker; and that Cheryl L. Johnson, a citizen of the State of Louisiana, has been elected Clerk of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CONGRESS

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution as follows:

H. RES. 4

Resolved, That a committee of two Members be appointed by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives to join with a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT, PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 4

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CLYBURN). Without objection, pursuant to House Resolution 4, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members to the committee on the part of the House to join a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and that Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make:

The gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) and

The gentleman from California (Mr. MCCARTHY).

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO INFORM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER AND THE CLERK

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 5

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to inform the President of the United States that the House of Representatives has elected Nancy Pelosi, a Representative from the State of California as Speaker, and Cheryl L. Johnson, a citizen of the State of Louisiana as Clerk, of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR THE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN MINORITY EMPLOYEES

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wyoming?

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 6

Resolved, That pursuant to the Legislative Pay Act of 1929, as amended, the six minority employees authorized therein shall be the following named persons, effective January 3, 2021, until otherwise ordered by the House, to-wit: Dan Meyer, James Min, Natalie Joyce, Will Dunham, Machalagh Carr, and Matt Sparks, each to receive gross compensation pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 119, Ninety-fifth Congress, as enacted into permanent law by section 115 of Public Law 95-94. In addition, the Minority Leader may appoint and set the annual rate of pay for up to 3 further minority employees.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 7

Whereas, Alcee L. Hastings, a Representative-elect from the Twentieth District of the State of Florida, has been unable from illness to appear in person to be sworn as a Member of the House, and there being no contest or question as to his election: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Speaker, or deputy named by her, is hereby authorized to administer the oath of office to the Honorable Alcee L. Hastings at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and that such oath be accepted and received by the House as the oath of office of the Honorable Alcee L. Hastings.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT OF HONORABLE DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ TO ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO HONORABLE ALCEE L. HASTINGS OF FLORIDA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 7, the Chair appoints the Honorable DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ of Florida to administer the oath of office to the Honorable ALCEE L. HASTINGS of Florida.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following commu-

nication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 3, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: The Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on January 3, 2021, at 1:59 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 1.

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That the Senate agreed to S. Res. 3.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

GLORIA J. LETT,
Deputy Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would like to make a statement concerning the introduction and reference of bills.

Since the rules of the 117th Congress have not yet been adopted, the rights of Members to introduce bills, and the authority of the Speaker to refer them, is delayed. The Chair will state that submitted bills will be held until adoption of the rules, at which time they will be referred as expeditiously as possible to the appropriate committee. At that time, the bills which are not referred and do not appear in the RECORD as of that day will be included in the next day's RECORD and printed with a date as of the time that the rules were adopted.

TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNTING ON JANUARY 6, 2021, OF THE ELECTORAL VOTES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following privileged concurrent resolution:

S. CON. RES. 1

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the two Houses of Congress shall meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Wednesday, the 6th day of January 2021, at 1 o'clock post meridian, pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution and laws relating to the election of President and Vice President of the United States, and the President of the Senate shall be their Presiding Officer; that two tellers shall be previously appointed by the President of the Senate on the part of the Senate and two by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives, to whom shall be handed, as they are opened by the President of the Senate, all the certificates and papers purporting to be certificates of the electoral votes, which certificates and papers shall be opened, presented, and acted upon in the alphabetical order of the States, beginning with the letter "A"; and said tellers, having then read the same in the presence and hearing of the two Houses, shall make a list of the votes as they shall appear from said certificates; and the votes having been ascertained and counted in the manner and according to the rules by law provided, the result of the same shall be delivered to the

President of the Senate, who shall thereupon announce the state of the vote, which announcement shall be deemed a sufficient declaration of the persons, if any, elected President and Vice President of the United States, and together with a list of the votes, be entered on the Journals of the two Houses.

The concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

EXTENDING THE LIFE OF THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following privileged concurrent resolution:

S. CON. RES. 2

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),

SECTION 1. REAUTHORIZATION OF JOINT COMMITTEE.

Effective from January 3, 2021, the joint committee created by Senate Concurrent Resolution 38 (116th Congress), agreed to June 26, 2020, to make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States, is continued with the same power and authority provided for in that resolution.

SEC. 2. USE OF CAPITOL.

The rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the United States Capitol are authorized to be used on January 10, 2021, January 17, 2021, and January 20, 2021 by the joint committee created by Senate Concurrent Resolution 38 (116th Congress), agreed to June 26, 2020, in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies conducted for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States.

The concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces to the House that the whole number of the House is 430.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Monday, January 4, 2021, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

EC-1. Under clause 2 of rule XIV, a letter from the Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting a list of reports created by the Clerk, pursuant to Rule II, clause 2(b), of the Rules of